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SUBJ: GREEK DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR CYPRUS

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1. GOG ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 15 FOLLOWING MEETING BETWEEN PM CARAMANLIS AND GREEK AND CYPRIOT FINANCE MINISTERS THAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF 1.1 BILLION DRACHMAS (\$36.6 MILLION) HAD BEEN GRANTED FOR CURRENT YEAR TO CYPRUS GOVERNMENT "TO HEAL THE WOUNDS OF THE CYPRUS ECONOMY FOLLOWING THE TURKISH INVASION OF THE ISLAND."

2. 800 MILLION DRACHMAS (\$26.6 MILLION) WILL REPORTEDLY BE USED TO FINANCE IMPORTS FROM GREECE, INCLUDING FOODSTUFFS FOR REFUGEES.

3. REMAINING 300 MILLION DRACHMAS (\$10 MILLION) IS TO ASSIST GOC, "WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT," WITH BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS.

4. FONMIN REP WILL PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH UPDATE ON PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS IN GREECE TO RELIEF EFFORT NEXT WEEK.

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